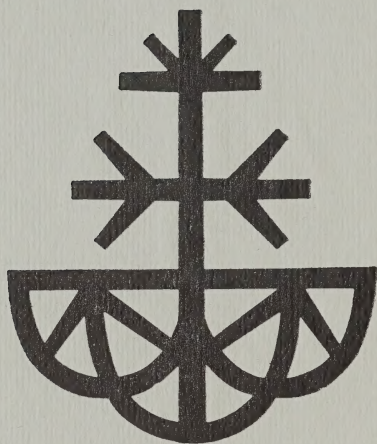


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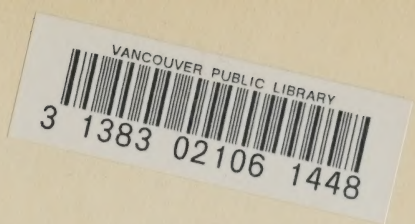
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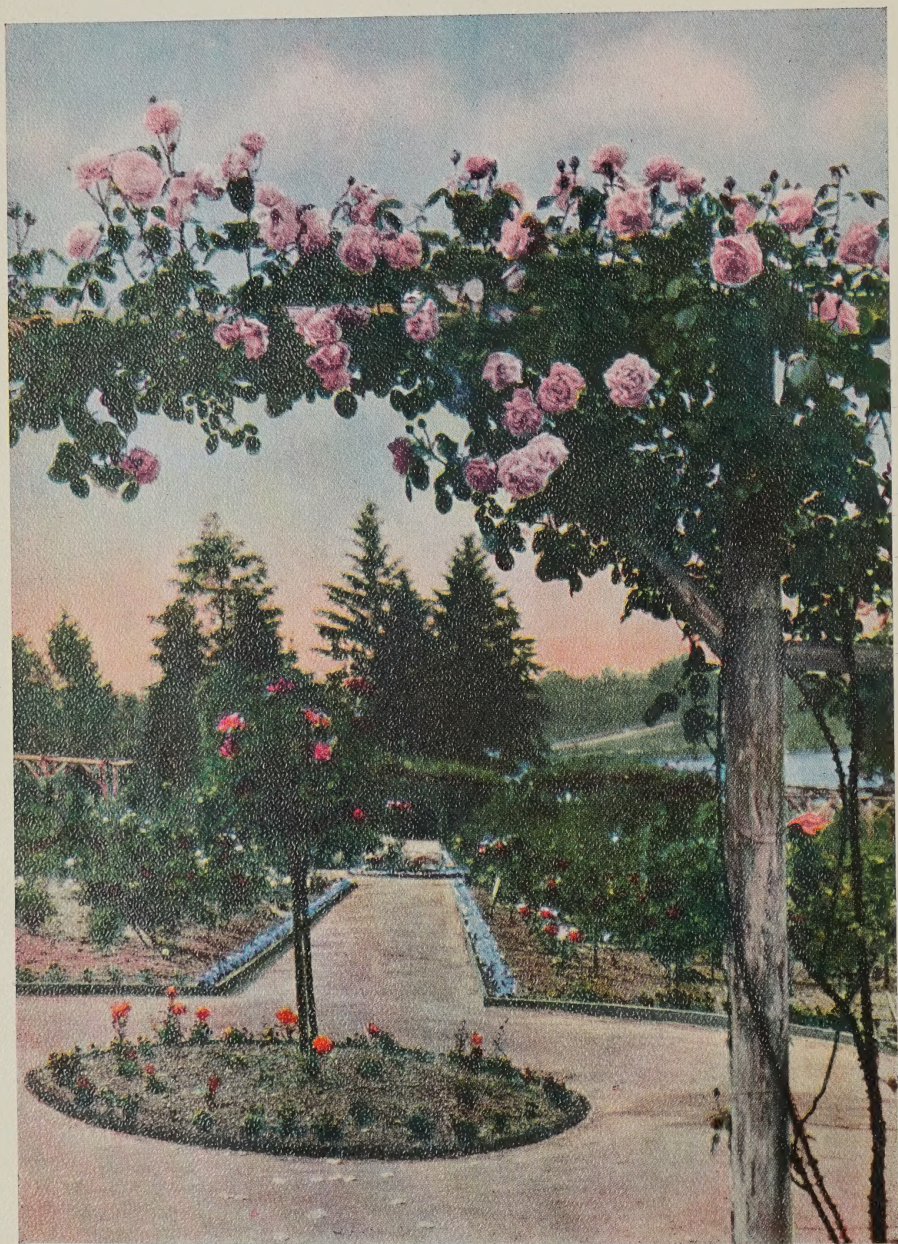
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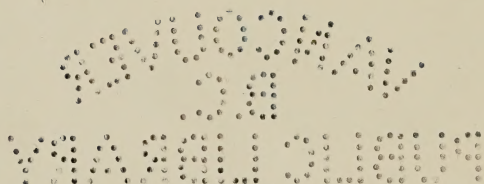
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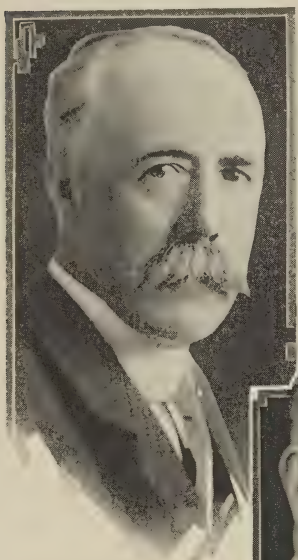
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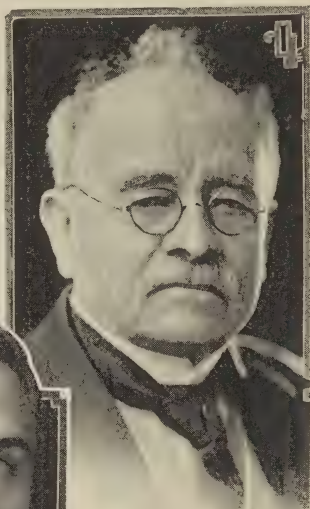
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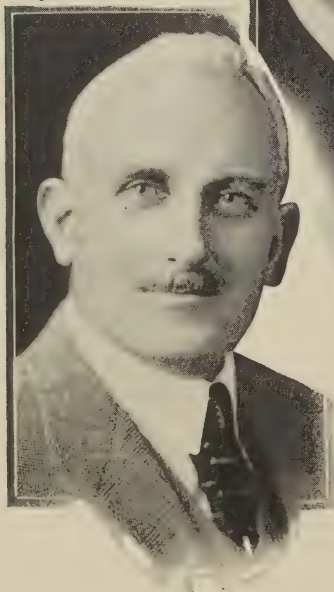
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THE PARK SYSTEM OF VANCOUVER, B.C.



THE Board of Park Commissioners have published from time to time descriptive literature with reference to the areas under their control, and in the last issue, published about five years ago, it was thought necessary to include certain historical details as to the early days of the City of Vancouver. Since that time, however, this city has become much better known to the world than it was then. As a seaport, it is familiar to those who sail the seas. As the converging point of great railways and an immense amount of motor traffic, it has become an objective to those who travel by land. Its population and its trade have very largely increased. The augmentation of its factories, elevators, warehouses and office buildings has been accompanied by the establishment of many fine schools and of thousands of homes. There is probably no city on the American continent which on any gala occasion can turn out a finer crowd of healthy, happy and well-grown children, or a more hopeful and thriving assembly of fathers and mothers who are carrying out their parental duties in a becoming and creditable manner. At the same time this city has a very extensive population of unattached young men and women, who are attracted by its educational and business opportunities. In addition to these more or less permanent sections of our inhabitants, we have, not only in the height of the summer season, but all through the year, an increasing contingent of tourists from all quarters.

It is to the recreative requirements of this vast every-day, hard-working or pleasure-taking, home or foreign, and most interesting aggregation of people of all ages, that the Board of Park Commissioners have been accustomed to direct their thought and their activities. They have wished to regard themselves, and to be regarded, as trustees for the people as a whole. Vancouver has a continual influx of distinguished visitors, to whom the Board is proud to extend every courtesy. But it is the general population that chiefly engages their earnest attention. Moreover, a very large number of these are taxpayers, who may very legitimately demand consideration. The community spirit as well as the schoolmaster is abroad, and the Commissioners trust that they may say, without undue self-apprecia-



FOREST DRIVEWAY, STANLEY PARK.



MARINE DRIVEWAY, STANLEY PARK.

tion, that they are animated by the idea of service. That the policy of the Board is approved by the electorate has been again and again indicated, not only at the polls at civic elections of candidates, but by the passing of various money by-laws to enable them to carry out their plans. Some part of the success of their operations is due to the fact that they have thus been enabled to make that policy continuous. It is plainly manifest that the considerable undertakings for which they are responsible can not be successfully administered by hand-to-mouth methods. The future must be looked to, and a comprehensive scheme followed out. The Commissioners have confidence in pointing to the history of the parks, playgrounds and bathing beaches of Vancouver as evidence that this has been done.

The guiding principle that has been followed, therefore, has been to cater for the many rather than the few. But, even so, it has been desired to recognize a considerable variety of tastes and necessities. A glance at the different areas and departments for which the Board is responsible will show that to some extent this has been accomplished.

Salient Features

PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN—Later in these pages will be found mention of the benevolent bequest of the late Mrs. Ceperley, which made possible the establishment of a playground in Stanley Park which has been the delight of thousands of happy youngsters and a relief to the anxiety of hosts of parents. But there are other playgrounds in less favored localities which are equally beloved by the rising race. For the equipment of four of these the Board is indebted to the Vancouver Gyro Club.

BATHING BEACHES AND BATH-HOUSES — Next to Stanley Park, it is probable that the bathing beach at

English Bay is best known. Illustrations in the present brochure indicate its popularity. In addition to this popular scene of enjoyment, and instruction in the art of swimming, there is the Kitsilano Beach with its new bathhouse, and the Second Beach facilities, to engage the consideration of both inhabitants and visitors. An important feature of the bathing beaches is the constant attendance of capable experts and lifeguards, who not only teach the young idea how to swim, but who are sometimes called upon to help those who get into difficulties, and many and varied are the causes which require the attention of these attendants.

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SPORTS GROUNDS —

The Commissioners have directed particular attention to the encouragement of athletic and open-air sports. Baseball, soccer and rugby football, tennis, bowling, cricket and golf are provided for. The taste of open-air checker-players has also been considered.

HORSEBACK RIDING —

Though the horse may be regarded in some circles as merely an interesting survival, there are numerous equestrians in Vancouver and the neighborhood who find agreeable recreation in the saddle. For these Stanley Park, with its lovely drives and riding paddock, affords a delightful resort.

PICNIC GROUNDS —

Provision is made in Stanley Park, at Kitsilano and elsewhere for picnic parties; tables and the means of getting hot water being supplied.

CITY BREATHING SPACES

—A list of the twenty-six city parks and playgrounds is given elsewhere. It is sufficient in this summary to say that much of the beauty of many of the neighborhoods of Vancouver arises from the proximity of a park under the control of the Commissioners. Mention may be made of Victory Square, which, after a long period of neglect, has, through the kindly interest of the five brothers composing the Southam Company, in tribute to their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Southam of Hamilton, been made more

worthy of the memories which its Cenotaph brings to mind. This down-town area is a daily refreshment and delight to thousands of citizens. It is now under the care of the Board, and is an oasis in the very heart of the city.

BOATING AND SAILING—

At English Bay, and at the beautiful piece of water called "Lost Lagoon," boats and canoes may be hired at reasonable prices.

FOREST TRAILS—

One of the most remarkable features of Stanley Park is the preservation in its secluded trails of the character of the primeval forest. It has often excited the wonder of visitors that, within a mile from busy city streets, the pedestrian may find himself apparently in the heart of the British Columbia forest. Giant cedars and Douglas firs, hemlock or spruce trees, and the beautiful native maple, rise around him amidst wild underbrush and a wealth of ferns and foliage. Particularly is this the case on the Beaver Creek trail, where a sylvan path leads from Beaver Lake, over varying levels and through the most picturesque woodland beauty, to Prospect Point. A musically rippling brook, with here and there a waterfall or a rapid, accompanies the traveller along this rural trail, where he may find himself alone with Nature. And there are many such spots to reward the exploring foot of the wayfarer on the thirty odd miles of trails in this unique park of one thousand acres.



BEAVER LAKE, STANLEY PARK.



SUNSET SCENE—PROSPECT POINT, STANLEY PARK.

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HISTORIC MONUMENTS—

There is something that speaks of the past in Stanley Park itself. Its great trees, centuries old, are reminders of a time long before this far western coast was discovered by the adventurous mariner. But it is the human interest of a period that gives it its most distinctive and significant quality. Several monuments have been placed in Stanley Park which, though modern, link us with bygone years. They include a memorial bust in bronze, by C. Marega, to the late Mayor Oppenheimer, the first to occupy the Vancouver civic chair; an unhewn boulder monument in memory of the beloved and lamented poetess, Pauline Johnson; a fountain commemorating Queen Victoria, a memorial cairn on Prospect Point with a bronze tablet recounting the wreck of the *Beaver*—the first steamship in these waters—and an inscribed stone opposite the spot where a ship and some of its passengers were lost.

There is also the very fine pillar erected by the Canadian Japanese of Vancouver to the memory of the soldiers of that nation who went to the help of the Allies in the great war of 1914-18. Later in these pages will be found extended reference to the most important of these monuments, erected near the bandstand, where sculptured bronze and granite tell of the historic speech of the first President of the United States to visit this country.

ZOOLOGY—Living specimens of the buffalo, the elk, the

deer, and the mountain goat and sheep, are to be found in suitable enclosures in Stanley Park. The Zoological collection also contains representatives of many animal tribes, including the kangaroo, fox, coyote, monkey, racoon, badger, bear, etc. The large bear-pit, with its particularly fine specimens of the genus *ursus*, is always surrounded by an interested crowd of old and young visitors. Aquatic and other birds, some in enclosures and others in lakes and streams, are also very attractive.

BUILDINGS—In addition to the structures already mentioned in connection with the bathing beaches, the park system includes a variety of edifices, chief of which, perhaps, is the Pavilion erected in 1911, and enlarged in 1923-24, at a total cost of \$45,000.00. This contains the administrative offices of the Park Department, on the upper floor, below which are the extensive dining and refreshment rooms, where every provision is made for the entertainment of guests, both indoors and on the spacious verandahs. Attached to the building there is also a well-proportioned ballroom, 30 feet by 60 feet, the design and decoration of which have been highly approved. Provision is thus made for the social occasions of societies and private entertainers.

THE GARDENS—The gardens proper at Stanley Park, including a large rose garden, are in the summer season ablaze with floral beauty, while the

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greenhouses in connection with them form a mecca for horticulturists. Covering $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres and including the Shakespeare Garden inaugurated by lovers of the poet, these spacious plots supply flowering plants for all the decorative parks and spaces in the City which are under the control of the Board. From the propagating houses plants go forth to beautify the various city parks. Perhaps no part of Stanley Park does greater credit to the horticultural department than the wide-spreading parterre that fronts the Pavilion, a scene of beauty which, by its layout of pleasant lawns and its flower-beds, together with its lily-pond, gives constant pleasure to thousands. Adjoining this is the rock-garden. Utilizing an irregular ravine, its boulder-strewn sides are the abode of a constant succession of floral gems and appropriate alpine and other specimens.

ROADS AND MOTOR TRAFFIC—There are in Stanley Park eight miles of hard-surfaced roads. The immense increase in the number of automobiles has necessitated a regulation of one-way traffic, to which strict adherence is required.

CAUSEWAY APPROACH TO STANLEY PARK—Following the passage of a By-law to provide funds for the completion of the Causeway, a very important undertaking has been entered upon in the way of a complete revision and improvement of the Georgia Street entrance to Stanley Park. This comprehensive and

costly work may be described, both from an engineering and scenic point of view, as one of the greatest projects which have been entered upon by the Commissioners. Here, as elsewhere, they have been guided by a desire to make the main entrance to the favorite resort of many thousands of citizens, whether driving or walking, as safe and convenient as possible, while at the same time providing an approach worthy of the park to which it leads. This is a work the value of which will be more and more appreciated as years go on and the population of Vancouver increases. When completed, this undertaking will have cost \$250,000.00.

STANLEY PARK SEA WALL

—As early as 1921 the urgent necessity of immediate action on account of the erosion of the foreshore on the Narrows side of Stanley Park led to conferences with the Dominion Government on the subject, the result of which was that an arrangement was arrived at whereby the Federal authorities agreed to finance the erection of a protecting sea wall at an estimated cost of \$70,000.00. This work has been proceeding for some time, enough having been done to show the great improvement that will be made by this work. It will ultimately provide a marine walk 12 feet wide around the foreshore of the Park, the scenic attractions and conveniences of which will be very great.

Here the pedestrian will be able to enjoy the proximity



ENGLISH BAY BEACH.



SECOND BEACH, STANLEY PARK.



ROSE GARDEN, STANLEY PARK.



BATH-HOUSE, SECOND BEACH, STANLEY PARK.

of the sea without fear of automobile traffic. Access to the beach will be obtained at intervals by means of stone steps. In all, approximately one and one-quarter miles of walling have been constructed at various points.

PROTECTION FROM FIRE—

Unfortunate experiences of forest fires in British Columbia led successive Park Boards to make earnest efforts to provide a system of water mains in Stanley Park whereby the danger of the destruction of the grand trees by a conflagration might be very materially reduced. By-laws to provide the required funds for this purpose were twice unsuccessfully submitted to the rate-payers. At the third attempt, however, a By-law authorizing the expenditure of \$65,000.00 for this undertaking was submitted and carried. There is now a total length of water mains of 46,000 feet, with a fire hydrant every 250 yards, or thereabout. The mains intersect the park in such directions as to be most effective, and the number of hydrants is 56.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS—

During the season the Parks Band gives concerts at intervals in several of the parks. The attendance on these occasions is very large, and an effort is made to provide performances worthy of the position of Vancouver in the musical world.

INDIAN VILLAGE—The Art,

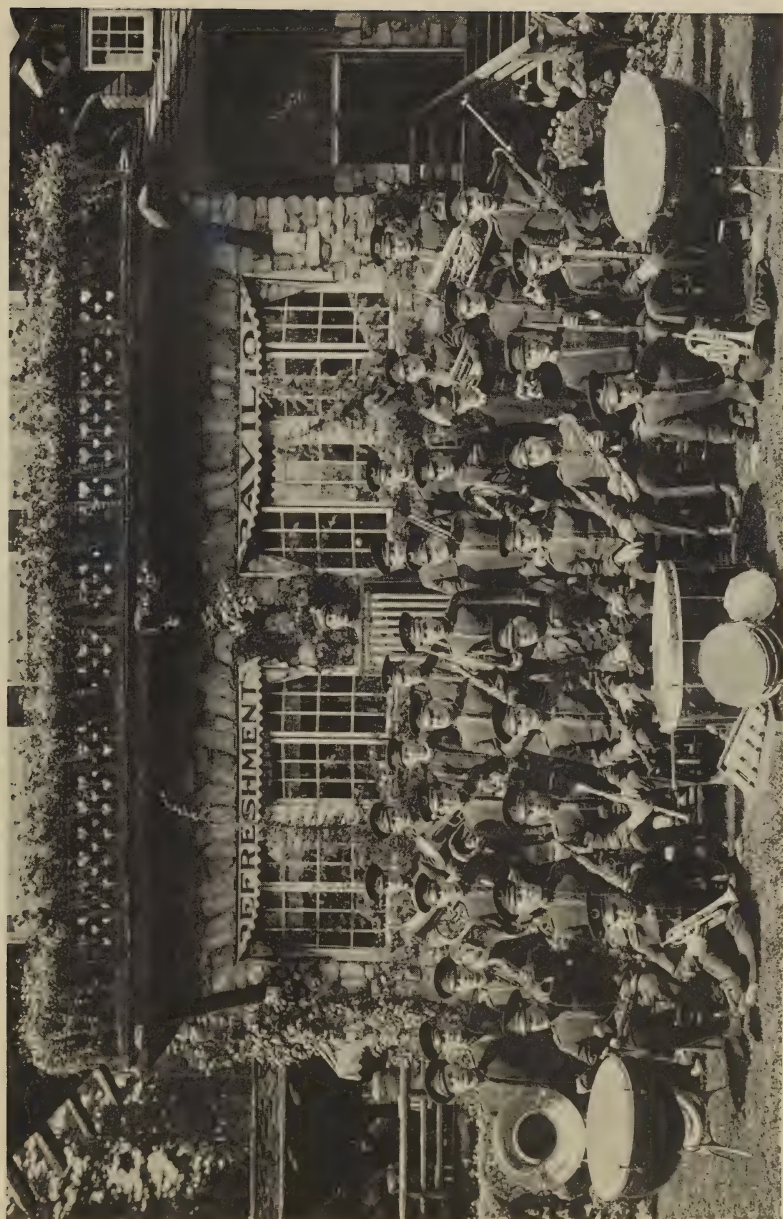
Historical and Scientific Association of Vancouver, the oldest organization of the kind in the city, have long had it in mind to reproduce in this neighborhood a characteristic Indian village of the aboriginal period before the white man came to this coast. The Parks Board has now placed at their disposal a site one hundred yards west of the Lumbermen's Arch. Here an ancient Indian village once stood. As a beginning, a canoe shed has been constructed, and four totem poles have been erected on solid bases. The Association is endeavoring to obtain funds for the pursuance of their object, and contributions will be gladly received by their Secretary.



SIWASH ROCK, STANLEY PARK.



BAND CONCERT, STANLEY PARK.



VANCOUVER PARKS BAND. Conductor: Lt. C. J. CORNFIELD, L.R.A.M., R.M.S.M.

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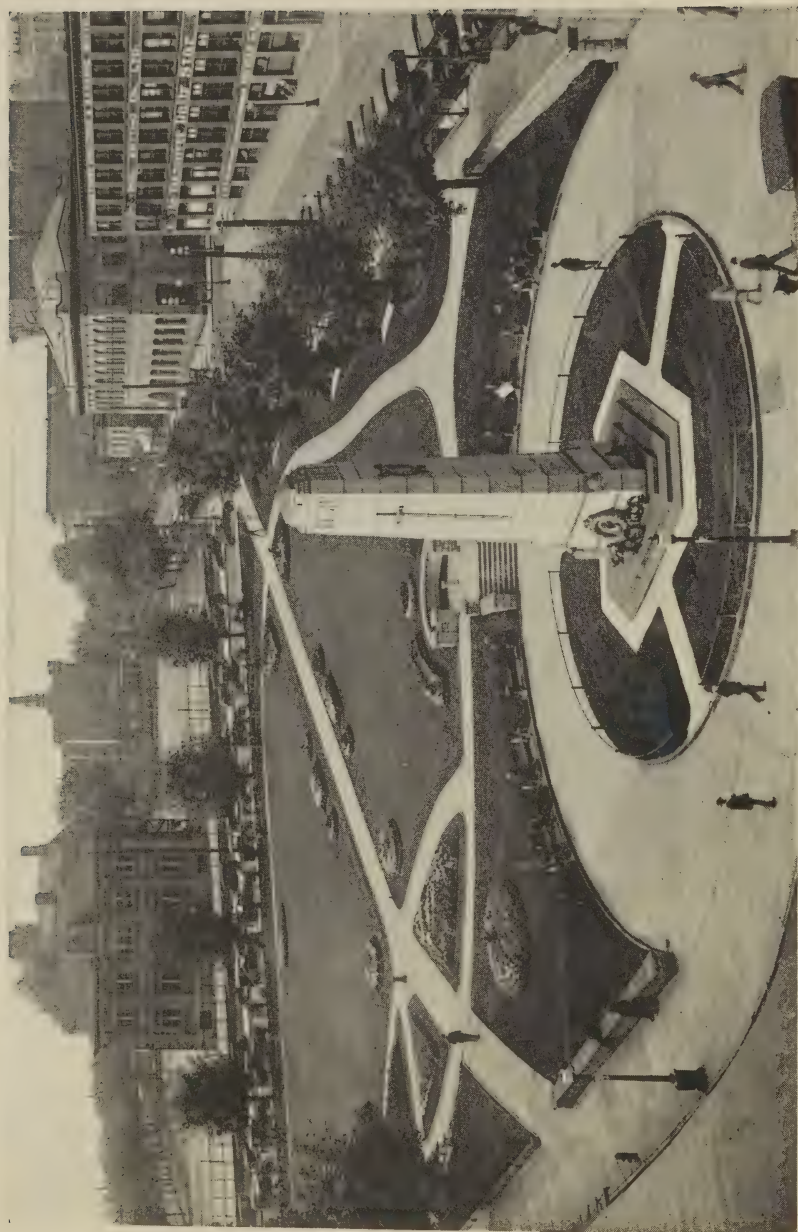


PLAN SHOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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EASTERN PORTION OF STANLEY PARK.



VICTORY SQUARE.

Parks Recently Acquired

The following areas were acquired either by purchase or grant since the last publication:—Robson Park addition, Renfrew, Thornton, Victory Square, Prince Edward and Granville Parks; also Block 34, N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33, and Block 103, N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28, Hastings Townsite.

With the exception of Victory Square and Thornton Park, the former of which was a grant to the City by the Provincial Government and the latter City property, the above properties were purchased at a cost of \$110,309.95, of these the following have been, or are, in process of development:

ROBSON PARK. This addition extended this area so as to give it frontage on Kingsway and made it self-contained. The whole of it was remodelled, and included in the scheme was a Children's Playground, the cost of which playground was in a large measure financed by the Gyro Club.

RENFREW PARK. The development of this park, which when complete will be the only developed park in South Hastings, is in progress, and its total cost will be \$6,000.00. It will be finished in 1926.

THORNTON PARK. This represents one of the most important undertakings of recent years. It forms a part of the reclaimed area of False Creek, and fronts on the C.N.R. and G.N.R. depots. The question of obtaining soil to cover the sand-filled area was a problem which the Park Board would have found a difficult one to solve, in view of the urgency of speedy action. Sir Henry Thornton, President of the C. N. Railway, on learning of the Board's difficulties on the soil question, offered to provide all that was necessary, and arrangements were made to bring in from a considerable distance about 20,000 cubic yards of soil. Within a year from the commencement of operations the whole area was transformed into a park of lawns, flower-beds, trees and shrubs, with cement walks and an ornamental lighting system. An expenditure of \$30,000.00 was involved.

VICTORY SQUARE. A ninety-nine year lease of this site, occupied formerly by the old Provincial Court House, was granted in 1918 by Order-in-Council of the Provincial Government to the City of Vancouver for a War Memorial site. It was subsequently placed



CEPERLEY PLAYGROUNDS, STANLEY PARK. (Insets, Mrs. CEPERLEY and FIELD-HOUSE.)

under the control of the Parks Board. The Cenotaph was erected by public subscription, and the development of the park area was carried out last year by the Parks Board at a cost of upwards of \$12,000. Reference to this is made on Page 11.

PRINCE EDWARD PARK. The development of this park is now well under way and it will be completed in 1926-27, thus providing in another district near the City boundary a recreation park which it has hitherto lacked.

GRANVILLE PARK. This area was held under lease for several years, and during that period was developed as a ballground; but in the absence of funds, at the expiration of the lease to purchase it, it reverted to the C.P.R. By-law funds becoming available in 1922, negotiations were re-opened and the purchase was completed. A ready-made recreation area thus became immediately available.

HARO PLAYGROUND. This is a small area in the West End, and represents the only open space in this locality of dense population between Cambie grounds and Stanley Park. Its development as a Supervised Children's Playground was made possible by the Gyro Club, which in a large measure financed the undertaking.

Ceperley Playground

The late Mrs. Ceperley had a great love for children. She was never tired of watching their games, and she made a study of their methods of play. She was greatly concerned about their welfare as she thought of the dangers to which they were exposed when playing on the city streets. This aspect of the case prompted her idea of a playing area in which children could enjoy themselves in perfect safety, while their parents would know that they would be well looked after. Those who knew her will recall how this thought was ever present with her, and how often she talked to her friends about it.

Mrs. Ceperley often visited Portland, Oregon. Opposite the hotel where she usually stayed was an open park area, fenced off and equipped with swings and similar amusements for little children. She spent much of her time watching these children enjoying themselves, and it was upon her return after one of these visits to Portland that she decided to make provision in her will so that such a playground as she had seen in Portland should be provided for the children of Vancouver.

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PARK STATISTICS—1925

NAME	Area in Acres	LOCATION	FEATURES	CAR LINES
Alexandra Park and English Bay Beach.....	4.3	Beach Ave., Chilco and Bidwell Sts.....	Pier, Bathing Beach, Bath-house, Bandstand, Floral Football, Lacrosse and Baseball.....	Davie (2) and Robson (5). All Lines.
Cambie Park.....	3.0	Cambie, Beatty, Georgia and Dunsmuir Sts.....		
Clark Park.....	7.0	Commercial and Woodland Drives, 14th and 15th Aves. East.....	Football, Lacrosse, Tennis, Wading Pool, Picnic Grounds, Floral.....	Grandview (4). (13-14-15).
Connaught Park.....	14.8	Larch and Vine Sts., 10th and 12th Aves. West.....	Partially developed.....	Broadway West (5).
Douglas Park.....	1.9	Broadway East and 11th Ave., Keith and Clark Drives.....	Unimproved.....	Broadway East (5).
Garden Park.....	2.4	Garden and Templeton Drives, 2nd and 3rd Aves. East.....		
Granville Park.....	1.8	Fir and Pine Sts., 14th and 15th Aves. West.....	Partially developed, Tennis.....	Grandview (4).
Haro Playground.....	.8	Corner Bute and Haro Sts.....	Football, Lacrosse, Baseball and Cricket.....	Shaughnessy Heights and Kerrisdale (6-7).
Hastings Park.....	160.0	Pender St. East, Burrard Inlet, Renfrew and Rupert Sts.....	Supervised Children's Playground.....	Davie (2) and Robson (5).
Kitsilano Beach and Park.....	17.6	Balsam, Cornwall, Yew, Arbutus Sts., and 5th Ave. West.....	Exhibition Grounds.....	Hastings Park (12) and Hastings East (13).
McBride Park.....	5.5	Collingwood and Blenheim Sts., 4th and 5th Aves. West.....	Floral, Tennis, Bathing Beach, Bath-house, Picnic Grounds, Supervised Children's Playground.....	Kitsilano (12).
McLean Playground.....	2.4	Georgia, Union, Dunlevy and Jackson Sts.....	Football, Baseball.....	4th Ave. (4).
Oppenheimer Park.....	2.4	Powell, Cordova, Dunlevy and Jackson Sts.....	Supervised Children's Playground.....	Georgia St. East.
Pandora Park.....	3.7	Pandora, Albert and Nanaimo Sts.....	Football, Lacrosse, Baseball.....	Hastings Park (12).
Prince Edward Park.....	3.5	Templeton Drive and Georgia Sts., 23rd and 24th Aves. East.....	Supervised Children's Playground, Tennis, and Floral.....	Hastings East (13).
Renfrew Park.....	3.0	Renfrew and Nootka Sts., 21st and 22nd Aves. East.....	Partially developed.....	Kingsway Cars (6-7-10-11).
Robson Park.....	4.5	St. George and Carolina Sts., 13th and 14th Aves. East.....	Partially developed.....	Grandview Highway Bus.
Rupert Park.....	9.0	Rupert and Cassiar Sts., 19th and 20th Aves. East.....	Football, Baseball, Tennis, Supervised Children's Playground.....	Kingsway (6-7-10-11).
			Undeveloped.....	Grandview Highway Bus.

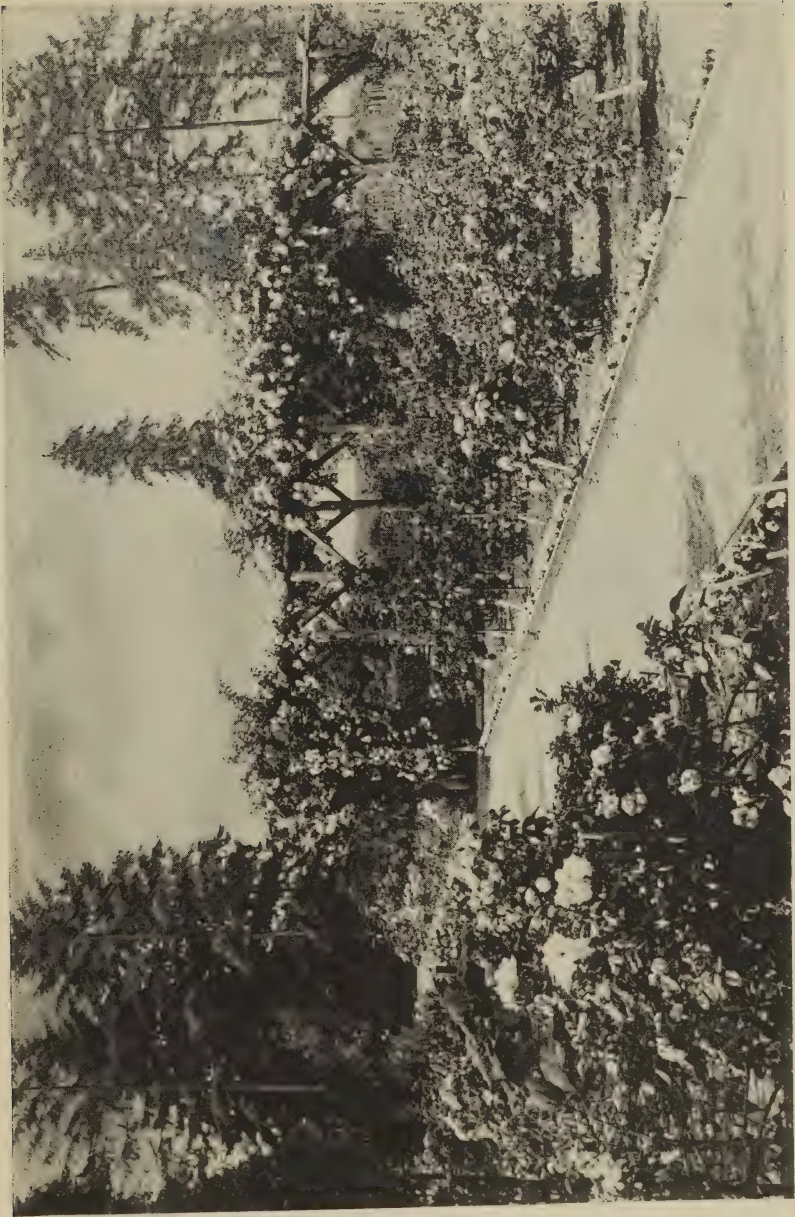
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PARK STATISTICS—1925—Continued.

NAME	Area in Acres	LOCATION	FEATURES	CAR LINES
Stanley Park.....	1,000.0	Near First Narrows, between Burrard Inlet and English Bay	Athletic Grounds, Zoo, Bathing Beaches, Picnic Grounds, Pavilion, Supervised Children's Play-grounds, Bowling Greens, Tennis Courts	Stanley Park (10).
Strathcona Park	5.5	Yukon and Cambie Sts., 10th and 12th Aves. West	Rugby Football, Lacrosse, Cricket, Tennis, Floral.....	Fairview (1).
Sunnyside Park	2.4	Glen Drive, Inverness St., 17th and 18th Aves. East	Tennis Courts and Floral	Kingsway (6-7-10-11).
Tatlow Park	2.7	Point Grey Road, 3rd Ave., McDonald and Bay- water Sts.	Floral	4th Ave. (4).
Templeton Park	4.2	Templeton and Garden Drives, Turner and Union Sts.	Football, Baseball Grounds (one block undeveloped)	Hastings East (13)
Thornton Park	3.8	Main St. and Terminal Ave.	Floral	Main St. (2-3), Broadway East (5), Fairview (1), Fraser (6-7) and Victoria Road (10).
Victoria Park	2.4	Victoria and Salisbury Drives, Grant and Kitchener Sts.	Floral	Grandview (4).
Victory Square .....	.9	Cambie and Homer, Hastings and Pender Sts.	Floral, Cenotaph	All Main Lines.
Woodland Park	1.8	Woodland and McLean Drives, Keefer and Georgia Sts.	Football, Lacrosse and Baseball	Georgia St. East.
Coal Harbour Property (South Foreshore)	2.2	Barclay and Alberni Sts., Park Road and Coal Harbour	Tennis Courts	Stanley Park (10).
Blk. 34, N.E. ¼ Sec. 33.....	3.0	Grant and Graveley, Clinton and Slocan Sts.	Undeveloped	Nanaimo St. Line or Burnaby Lake Line.
Blk. 103, N.W. ¼ Sec. 28	3.0	Grant and Graveley, Cariboo and Kootenay Sts.	Undeveloped	Burnaby Lake Line.
ACREAGE	1,279.5			
Little Mountain.....	100.0	28th and 35th Aves., Bounded on East by Ontario St.	Unimproved (held under joint option by the City and the Municipalities of Point Grey and South Vancouver)	Oak St. (17).
TOTAL ACREAGE	1,379.5			Main St. Cars (2-3).



ORNAMENTAL LAKE, STANLEY PARK.



ROSE GARDEN, STANLEY PARK.

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Mrs. Ceperley always thought that Second Beach, Stanley Park, was an ideal location for such a playground. Upon her death, her will revealed the fact that she had made full and ample provision for the realization of her desires. The playground was to be at Second Beach, and the playground she had so often seen in Portland was mentioned as the example of what she desired.

In due course the playground at Second Beach became an actual reality. All the most modern equipment and apparatus was installed, a substantial and ornamental field-house erected, a wading pool and a small canal for children to sail their boats was constructed, and other attractions were provided.

In this way Vancouver enjoys what is regarded as one of the most unique playgrounds of its kind in Canada. It is fully supervised, three playground Directors being in charge during the summer months.

A bronze tablet was placed upon the field-house, dedicating the playground to the memory of the donor, Mrs. Grace E. Ceperley, and with fitting ceremony Ceperley Playground was opened on June 14, 1924, in the presence of a great assembly which comprised many relatives and personal friends of Mrs. Ceperley. It was appropriate and proper that the opening ceremony should be performed by the husband of the donor, Mr. H. T. Ceperley, and that the flag should be hoisted and unfurled by her grandson, James Edward Hall, Jr.

Children in great numbers have made use of the playground, which, growing in popularity, will result in greatly increased attendances. It is just such a place as the lamented donor would have loved to see.

The portrait of Mrs. Ceperley, which hangs in the field-house, was presented by Mr. H. T. Ceperley, and was the direct result of the wish of the children attending the playground, who expressed the desire to know their benefactor.

Supervised Children's Playgrounds

Nobody who has visited and observed the Children's Playgrounds, which are under the supervision and administration of the Board of Park Commissioners, will be disposed to under-value this department of park work. It is seldom that any of our citizens have the opportunity of seeing all that is being done in this direction. They see one of these playgrounds casually, and are naturally gratified, but they are scarcely aware of the magnitude of the system under which the six extensive

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CAUSEWAY—ENTRANCE TO STANLEY PARK.



KITSILANO BEACH PARK.



KITSILANO BEACH.

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playgrounds now in commission in Vancouver are fulfilling the design of their originators.

This is a new thing in Vancouver's history. A few years ago there were none of the opportunities that the children of this city now possess, and which have captured their hearts. Wherever these youngsters may roam in the future, they will remember these playgrounds and their efficient Directors. For it is in this latter provision that the secret of the success of the movement lies. Extensive playing areas may be arranged; equipment of all kinds may be purchased and set up; but unless there is the human element of sympathetic and capable direction, the scheme will be a failure. For while it may be said that the young of mankind have a natural tendency to play, just as young animals have, there are few children who do not gladly respond to the efforts of a teacher who will enter into their feelings, teach them games, and organize their recreations. They see at once that organized play is far better than their own attempts.

The playgrounds now being operated are as follows:

McLean Playground.....	Georgia Street East
Ceperley Playground	Stanley Park
Haro Playground	West End
Kitsilano Playground.....	Kitsilano Beach
Pandora Playground.....	East End
Robson Playground.....	Mount Pleasant

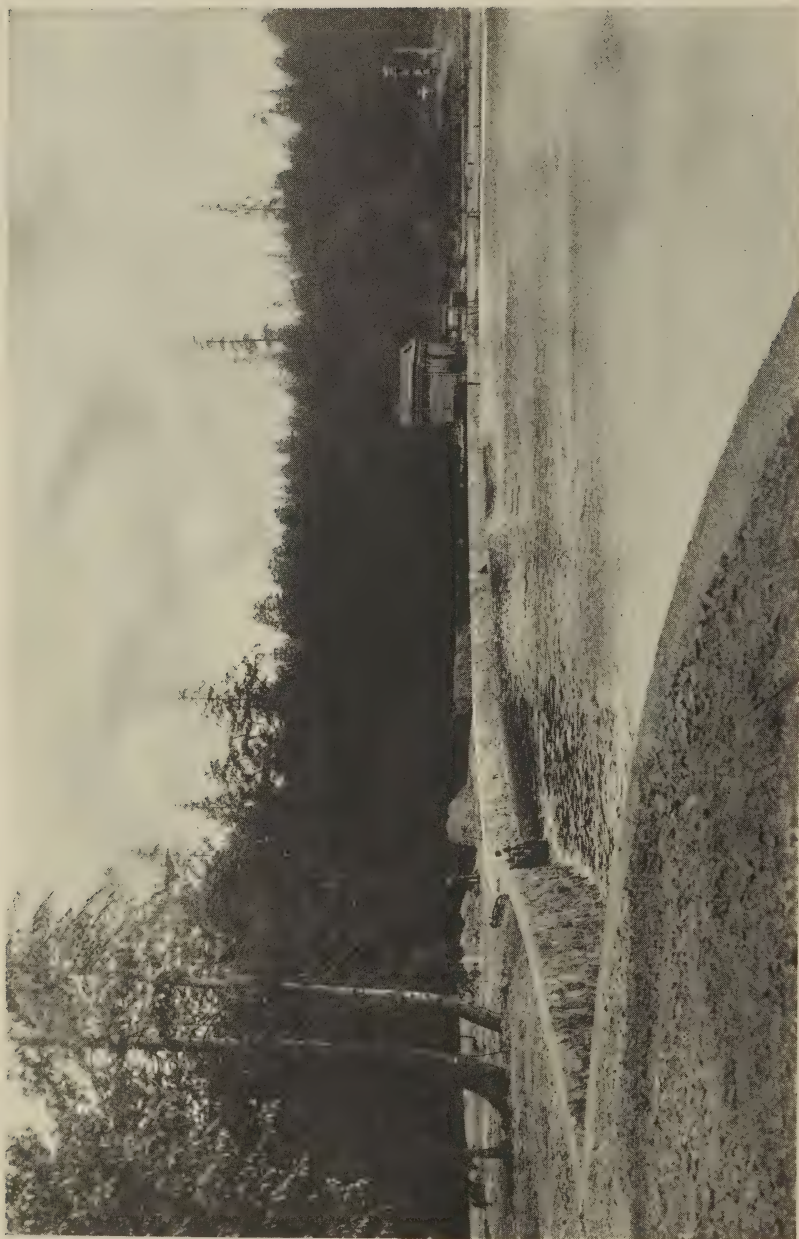
For the inauguration of the four latter of these areas of recreation and exercise for the juvenile population, the city is chiefly indebted to the Vancouver Gyro Club, whose efforts in this direction are worthy of the greatest commendation. In 1922 they made Children's Playgrounds their objective; and so earnestly did they pursue it that they raised approximately \$25,000.00 for the development and equipment of park areas for children's play, and their reward has been in seeing what the result has been to thousands of children whose lives have been made brighter and healthier.

The year 1924 will always stand out as one of the most important in the history of this movement, for it was during that year that our Children's Playgrounds were for the first time brought fully into commission. A supervisor was appointed, and with a staff of fourteen playground Directors the work was carried to a high standard of efficiency. Since then that standard has not only been maintained, but experience has shown how various items of management might be varied and improved.

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BEAVER CREEK TRAIL, STANLEY PARK.



SEA WALL AND PROMENADE, STANLEY PARK. In course of construction.



SEA WALL AND PROMENADE, STANLEY PARK. Completed Section.



BRIDLE PATH, STANLEY PARK.



A TYPICAL WALK, STANLEY PARK.



LOST LAGOON, STANLEY PARK.



DRIVEWAY AROUND LOST LAGOON, STANLEY PARK.

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From what has been said it will be conceded that on the proper selection of those who superintend the games and evolutions of the juvenile population of the playgrounds much depends. Young men and young women fill this important role. They are chosen with a view to their intelligence, healthy and vigorous physique, interest in their work, and their capacity to remember that they were once children themselves. An understanding and a camaraderie are established between them and their young charges. That the dry-rot of routine and perfunctoriness has been kept outside the playgrounds is a thing that cannot but be regarded with gratification and thankfulness.

Each playground has its own programme, according to the community in which it is placed. These programmes are comprehensive. They may include story-telling, picnics, educational "hikes," parties, singing, and group games and folk dancing. Other activities sometimes indulged in are sand-designing, sewing, dressmaking, fashioning paper costumes and fancy articles, boxing and apparatus work. Various competitions add to the interest of the grounds.

The attendance at the playgrounds for the 1925 season was as follows:

Ceperley	92,155
Kitsilano	53,273
Robson	41,518
Pandora	29,006
McLean	31,781
Haro	15,606

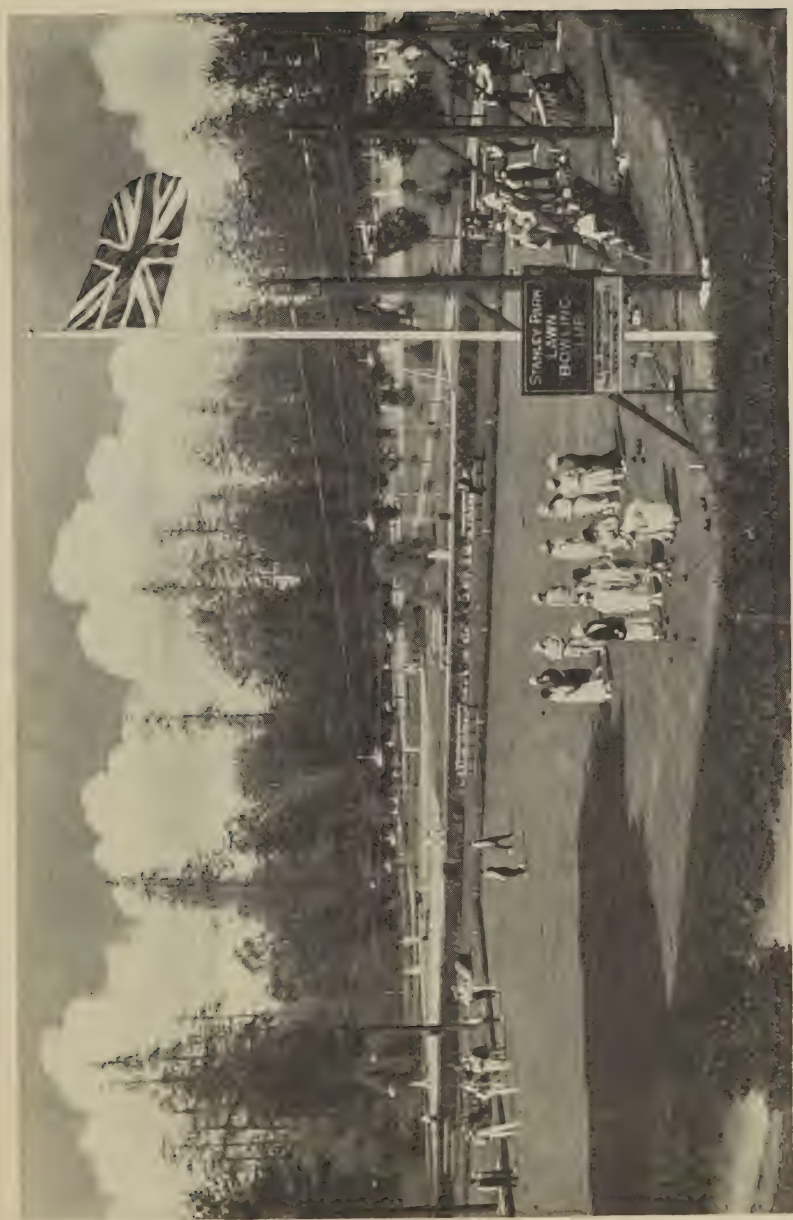
Total Recorded Attendance 263,339

That such a large number of children should have their lives brightened, their intelligence awakened and their health improved is certainly some reward for the time, labor, sympathetic interest and money that have been put into this movement.

The Harding Memorial

ONE of the most important historic local events of recent years was the visit of the late President Harding to Vancouver on July 26, 1923. It possessed not only provincial, but national interest, as being the first personal appearance in Canada of a President of the United States.

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BOWLING GREENS, PUTTING GREENS AND TENNIS COURTS, STANLEY PARK.



PRESIDENT HARDING ARRIVING IN STANLEY PARK, JULY 26TH, 1923.



HARDING MEMORIAL, STANLEY PARK. DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1925.

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When it became known that Mr. Harding intended to make a northern trip to Alaska and other points, interest was at once aroused, and the idea was mooted that he might be prevailed upon to break his return voyage at this port.

The first official step towards the accomplishment of this purpose was taken by His Honor W. C. Nicol, Lieutenant-Governor of B. C., who extended to Mr. Harding a cordial and pressing invitation. The civic authorities of Vancouver followed suit, while the Ottawa Government, recognizing the singular claims of the occasion, were not slow in arranging certain conventional details proper to the event.

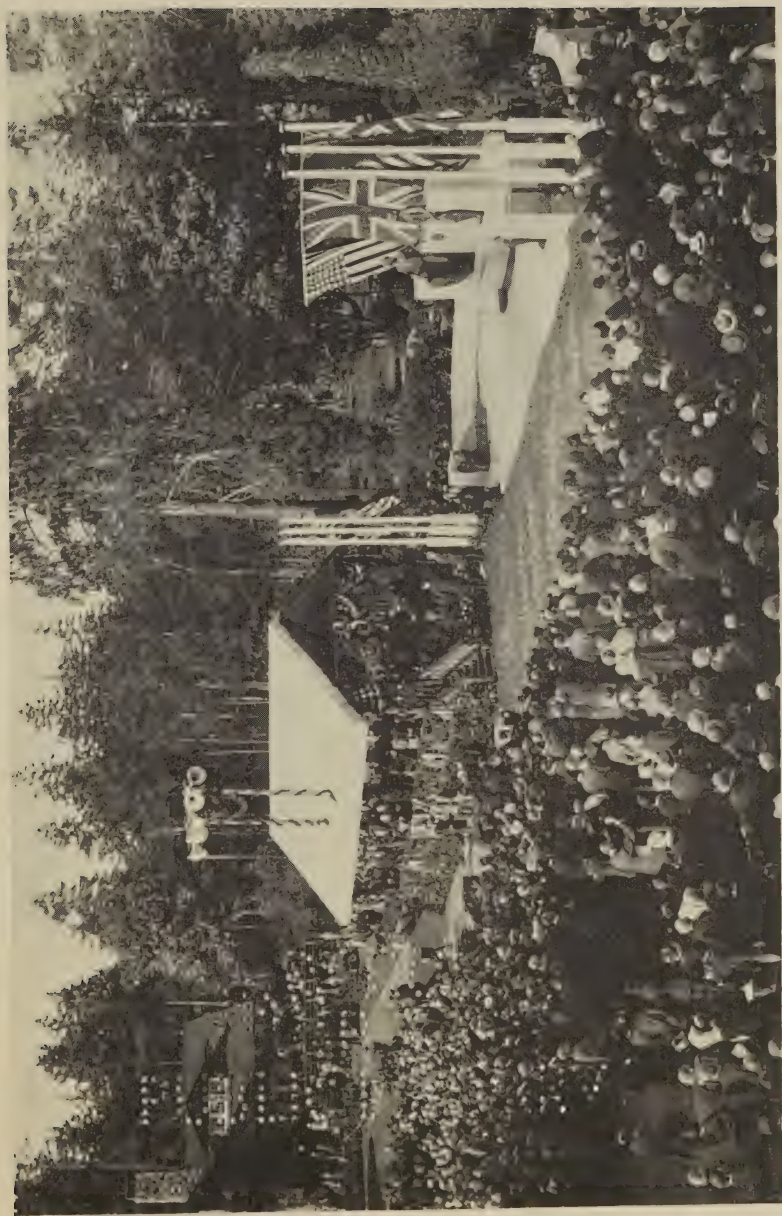
When it became known that the President had accepted the invitation, great popular enthusiasm was excited.

As the Presidential ship, the U. S. transport "Henderson," steamed into Burrard Inlet a salute of twenty-one guns boomed forth from H.M.S. Curlew, which in turn was answered by the "Henderson"; and in the bright sunlight of the 26th of July, 1923, Mr. Harding, accompanied by his wife, first set foot on Canadian soil. Signalling this historic moment, the first gun of the twenty-one gun artillery salute was heard.

It was indeed a great day that seemed to lack no element to make it a success. The President was heartily cheered as he drove slowly along the streets and proceeded to Stanley Park, where alone could the enormous crowd of those who wished to hear his voice be accommodated. Standing in the bandstand, surrounded by a crowd estimated at 40,000 persons, and in the midst of tumultuous applause, Mr. Harding delivered a memorable speech in which, at the outset, he said he was breaking a precedent, for up to that time he had never spoken in any other country than his own. His oration was one of warm friendship for and sincere admiration of the citizens of Canada. He concluded by saying:

"Our very propinquity enjoins that most effective co-operation which comes only from clasping of hands in true faith and good-fellowship. It is in that spirit that I have stopped on my way home from a visit to our pioneers in Alaska to make a passing call upon my very good neighbor of the fascinating Iroquois name Kanada, to whom, glorious in her youth and strength and beauty, on behalf of my own beloved country, I stretch forth both my arms in fraternal greeting, with gratefulness for your splendid welcome in my heart, and from my lips the whispered prayer of our famed Rip Van Winkle, 'May you all live long and prosper.'"

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SCENE AT DEDICATION OF HARDING MEMORIAL, STANLEY PARK, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1925.

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The sad cloud that fell over the two countries one short week after this day of sunshine and celebration is in the memories of all. On Thursday, July 26th, the President seemed full of life. He sailed on the "Henderson" that night, amid the cheers and farewells of thousands. On Thursday, August 2nd, he breathed his last. The news that was flashed over the wires from San Francisco seemed unbelievably tragic.

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It was some time before the idea of erecting a visible memorial of the late President's visit and public utterances on the spot where he spoke, took shape. The Kiwanis Club of Vancouver, however, began to consider the matter in connection with the Kiwanis Clubs of the United States and Canada, and as a result it was announced that competitive designs might be submitted. It was finally decided to accept that of Charles Marega, Vancouver sculptor, which combines elements of dignity, grace and appropriateness. Standing near the bandstand, a granite foundation is approached from the south by a series of steps leading to a piazzetta or floored space, bounded by semi-circular seats of granite of the kind made familiar by the paintings of Alma Tadema. Fronting the approach and about 17 feet from the top step is an altar-like parallelopiped of granite, at the right and left of which stand simply-draped female figures of heroic size, one representing Canada, the other the United States. Their right and left hands, respectively, meet at an olive wreath which lies on the intervening granite block, on the front of which is a very fine profile in low relief of the late President and the simple inscription, "Harding." The other hands of the figures hold shields with modelling of the American and Canadian flags, and other inscriptions tell of the event commemorated. At the rear of the monument, and at a lower level, is a colossal lion's head, from the mouth of which a stream flows to the semi-circular basin beneath. There is also a semi-circular shallow pool in the piazzetta.

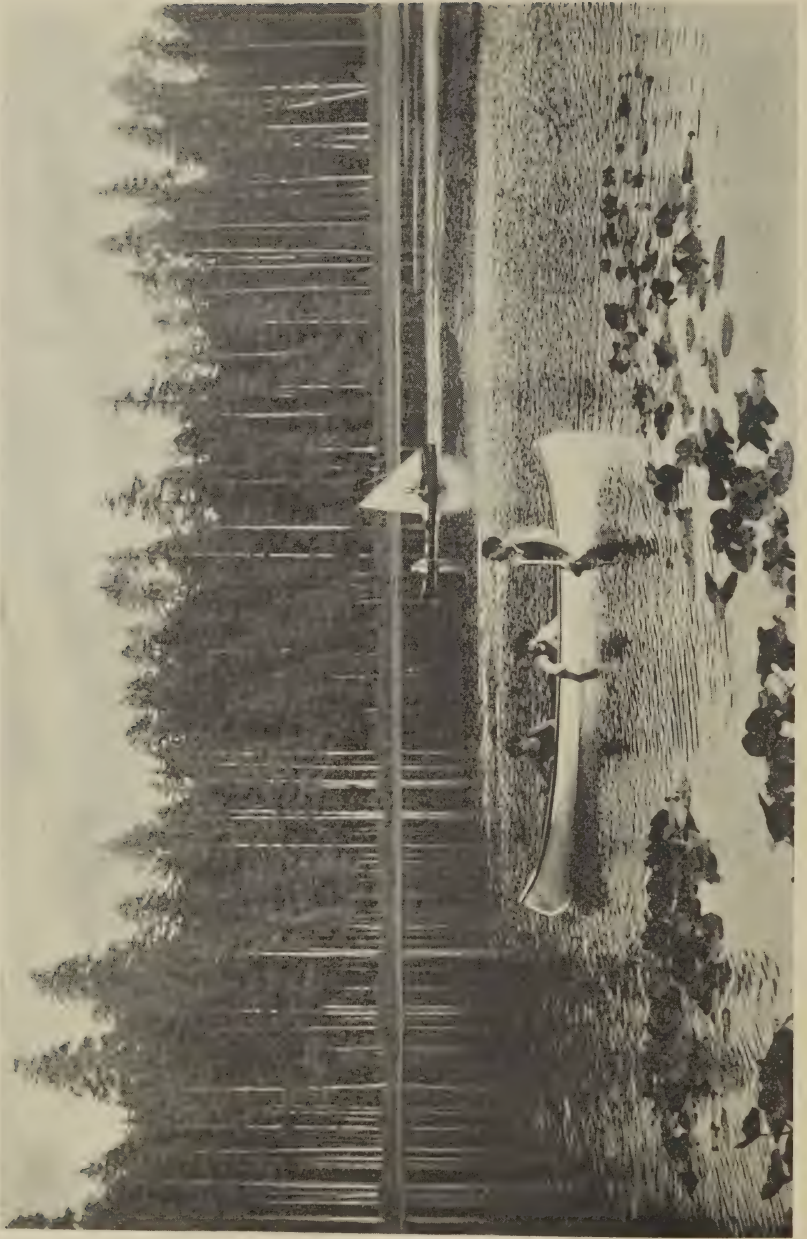
This monument speaks for itself. It stands for those sentiments of international comity which were enunciated so forcibly in the last public speech of the late President.

With ceremony befitting this unique event, the Harding Goodwill Memorial was dedicated by Kiwanis International President John H. Moss on September 16th, 1925, in the presence of thousands. Representatives of the Governments of the United States of America

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THE PAVILION AND SUNKEN GARDEN, STANLEY PARK.



BEAVER LAKE, STANLEY PARK.



THE "SEVEN SISTERS," STANLEY PARK.

BIENNIAL CENSUS
TRAFFIC ENTERING STANLEY PARK
 July 1st to 7th, 1925 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.)

Day	Entrance	Persons	Autos	Bicycles	Saddle Horses	Total	Grand Total
Wednesday, July 1st:	Causeway	32,163	4,347	135	25	36,670	49,933
	Beach Ave.	8,606	569	25	18	9,218	
	Various	3,837	172	25	11	4,045	
Thursday, July 2nd:	Causeway	9,853	1,895	127	28	11,903	16,012
	Beach Ave.	2,173	269	27	10	2,479	
	Various	1,539	35	52	4	1,630	
Friday, July 3rd:	Causeway	10,884	2,079	92	22	13,077	19,963
	Beach Ave.	2,628	337	31	10	3,006	
	Various	3,786	26	59	9	3,880	
Saturday, July 4th:	Causeway	20,254	4,160	139	18	24,571	36,362
	Beach Ave.	4,187	597	32	9	4,825	
	Various	6,619	285	60	2	6,966	
Sunday, July 5th:	Causeway	29,398	4,660	102	41	35,201	46,181
	Beach Ave.	7,103	534	49	17	7,703	
	Various	3,196	26	43	12	3,277	
Monday, July 6th:	Causeway	5,465	1,354	73	19	6,911	10,475
	Beach Ave.	1,946	318	47	3	2,314	
	Various	1,188	9	51	2	1,250	
Tuesday, July 7th:	Causeway	7,668	1,703	71	16	8,458	13,283
	Beach Ave.	2,884	331	75	11	3,301	
	Various	1,469	25	23	7	1,524	
	Totals	166,846	23,731	1,338	294		192,209

SUMMARY OF DAILY TOTALS.

	Persons	Autos	Bicycles	Saddle Horses	Grand Total
Wednesday	44,606	5,088	185	54	49,933
Thursday	13,565	2,199	206	42	16,012
Friday	17,298	2,442	182	41	19,963
Saturday	31,060	5,042	231	29	36,362
Sunday	39,697	5,220	194	70	45,181
Monday	8,599	1,681	171	24	10,475
Tuesday	12,021	2,059	169	34	14,283
	166,846	23,731	1,338	294	192,209

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY TOTALS.

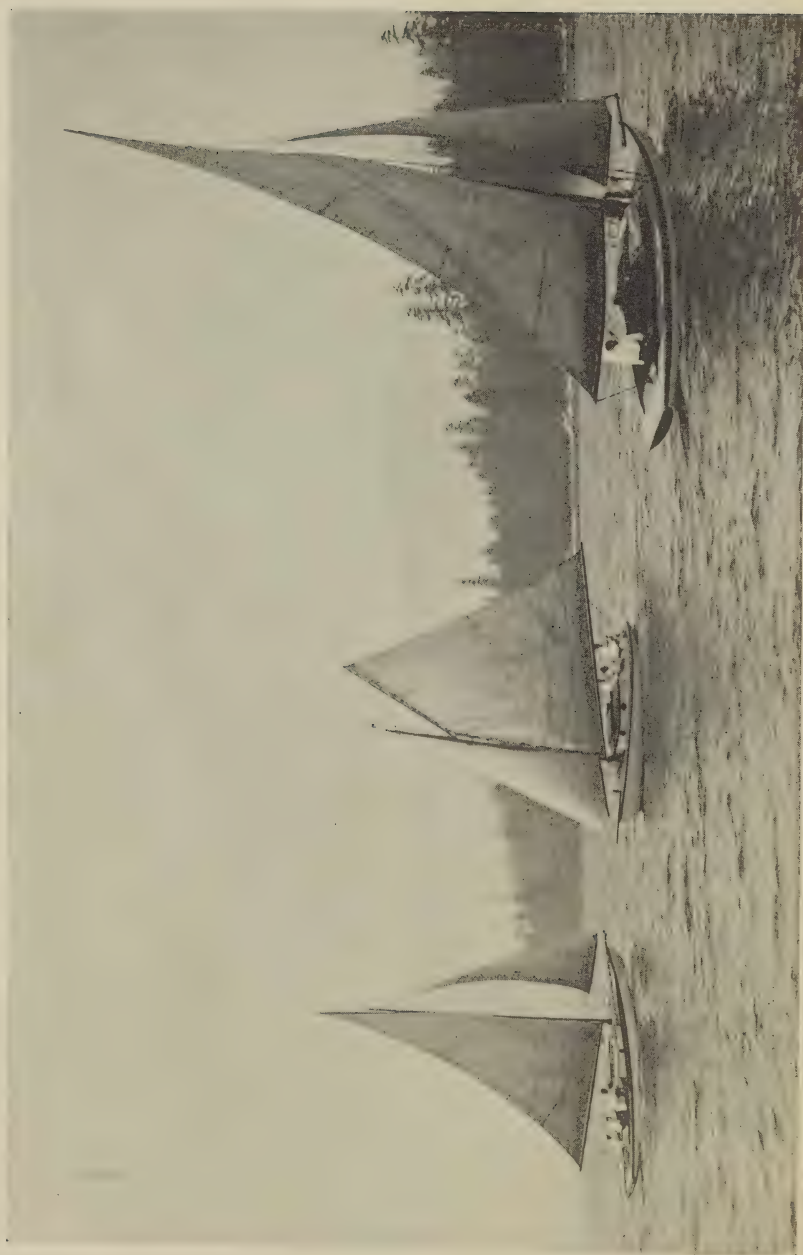
Causeway	115,685	20,198	739	169	136,791
Beach Ave.	29,527	2,955	286	78	32,846
Various	21,634	578	313	47	22,572
Totals	166,846	23,731	1,338	294	192,209

COMPARATIVE: 1905-1925.

1905	14,664	38	821	947	16,470
1911	53,255	1,114	660	1,925	56,954
1913	50,258	1,685	500	955	53,398
1923	117,277	14,164	1,046	177	132,664
1925	166,846	23,731	1,338	294	192,209



THORNTON PARK.



YACHTING, ENGLISH BAY.



ROUGH SEA, ENGLISH BAY.

PARK STATISTICS—DECEMBER 31, 1924

NAME OF PARK	Year of Purchase or Taking	From Whom Purchased or How Acquired	Land	Construction	Total	Land Valuation, 1924	Area in Acres
Alexandra Park and English Bay Beach	1902-11	Various	\$ 143,438.75	\$100,254.54	\$ 243,693.29	\$500,000.00	4.3
Cambie Park	1902	C. P. R.	25,000.00	1,570.60	26,570.60	600,000.00	3.0
Clark Park	1889	Mr. E. J. Clark (Dedicated)	145,947.16	19,505.17	19,505.17	75,000.00	17.0
Connaught Park	1912	C. P. R.	38,125.10	3,384.75	38,125.10	137,750.00	14.8
Douglas Park	1911	Various	43,050.00	4,357.45	47,407.45	36,000.00	1.9
Garden Park	1912	P. W. Charleson	17,027.50	4,543.58	21,571.08	41,500.00	2.4
Graville Park	1923	C. P. R.	27,285.00	3,859.01	31,144.01	22,500.00	1.8
Haro Playground	1889	Trustees, Wesley Church, and S. J. Thompson	271,467.00	55,635.08	327,102.08	Not assessed	160.0
Hastings Park	1909-13	Provincial Government (Grant)	.....	59,194.79	330,661.79	317,700.00	13.1
Kitsilano Beach and Park	1913	C. P. R. (21-year lease)	.....	6,976.85	6,976.85	Not assessed	5.5
Kitsilano Beach and Park	1911	Provincial Government (Grant)	15,900.00	10,146.77	26,046.77	165,000.00	4.5
McBride Park	1902	Yorkshire Guarantee Association	31,800.00	1,543.18	33,343.18	250,000.00	2.4
McLean Playground	1902	Yorkshire Guarantee Association	130,663.82	16,441.85	147,105.67	126,000.00	3.7
Oppenheimer Park	1912	Various	22,926.50	2,037.15	24,963.65	25,000.00	3.5
Prince Edward Park	1923	Loewen, Harvey & Preston and G. C. Sutherland	401.39	1,816.39	1,816.39	1,425.00	3.0
Renfrew Park	1924	City of Vancouver	1,415.00	401.39	1,816.39	1,425.00	3.0
Rupert Park	1909-22	Various	49,740.00	20,637.67	70,377.67	73,500.00	4.5
Stanley Park	1887	Davis & Co.	8,485.95	300.00	8,785.95	8,500.00	9.0
Strathcona Park	1902	Dominion Government	53,598.60	563,598.60	563,598.60	Not assessed	1,000.0
Sunnyside Park	1907	C. P. R.	12,847.21	18,153.21	30,990.42	80,000.00	5.5
Tadlow Park	1912	J. Adams	5,306.00	50,437.56	55,743.56	38,300.00	2.4
Templeton Park	1907	T. H. Calland	10,600.00	5,286.24	15,886.24	40,000.00	2.7
Thornton Park	1912	City of Vancouver and F. Beecher	44,600.99	6,475.81	51,076.80	68,000.00	4.2
Victoria Park	1923	City of Vancouver	25,533.13	25,533.13	51,066.26	25,000.00	3.8
Victory Square	1909	Mrs. A. M. Seymour	6,057.11	34,157.11	40,214.22	25,000.00	2.4
Woodland Park	1924	Provincial Government (Grant)	28,100.00	11,631.11	39,731.11	Not assessed	1.9
Blk. 103, N.W. 1/4 Sec. 28	1912	Dominic Burns	77,766.00	4,098.88	81,864.88	75,000.00	1.8
Blk. 34, N.E. 1/4 Sec. 33	1923	City of Vancouver	1,555.00	1,555.00	3,110.00	4,250.00	3.0
Coal Harbour Property	1923	City of Vancouver	2,950.00	.....	2,950.00	9,800.00	3.0
(South Foreshore)	.....	.....	84,953.36	4,812.27	89,765.63	157,500.00	2.2
Areas other than parks, maintained by Parks Board	1908	Various	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Consolidated By-law Charges	220.00	1,484.78	1,484.78	.....	.....
Little Mountain	1911	Held under joint option from C. P. R. by Point Grey, South Vancouver and City of Vancouver	\$1,208,203.51	\$963,174.13	\$2,231,377.64	\$2,945,225.00	1,279.5
			Not assessed	100.0
			1,379.5



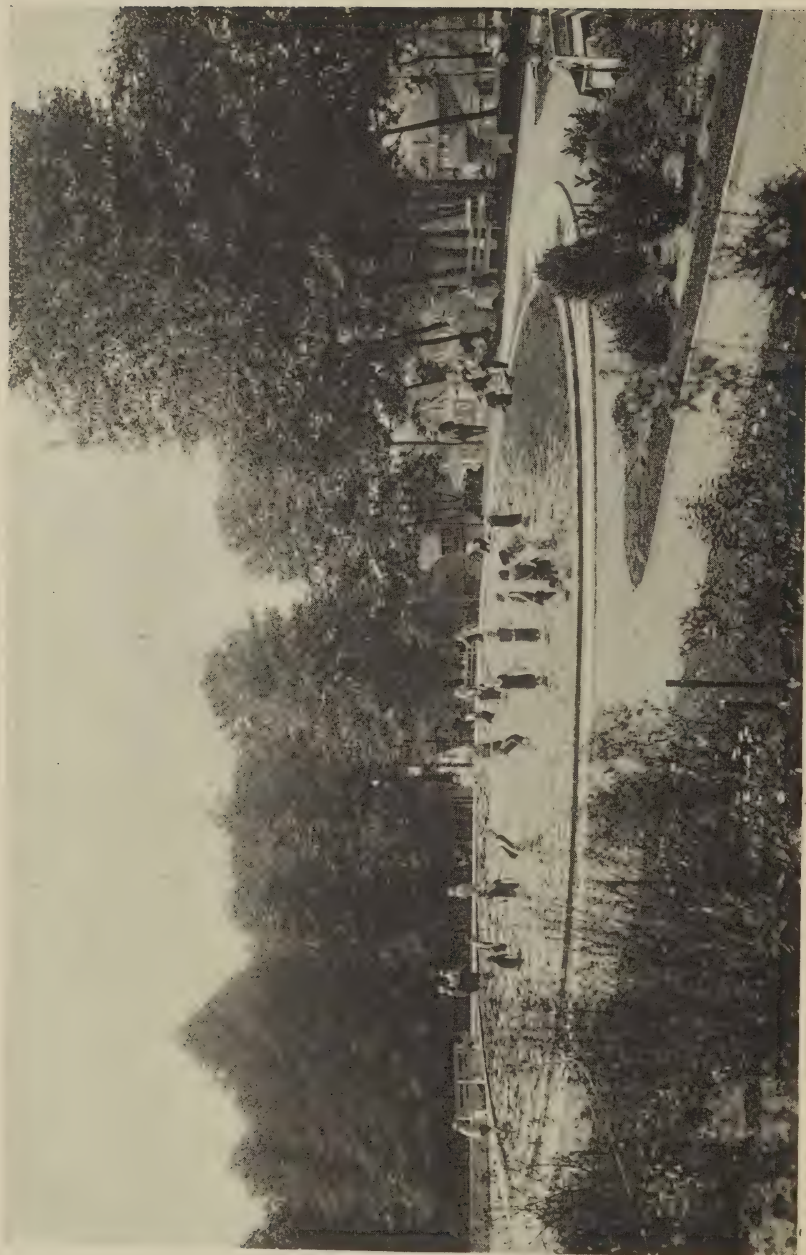
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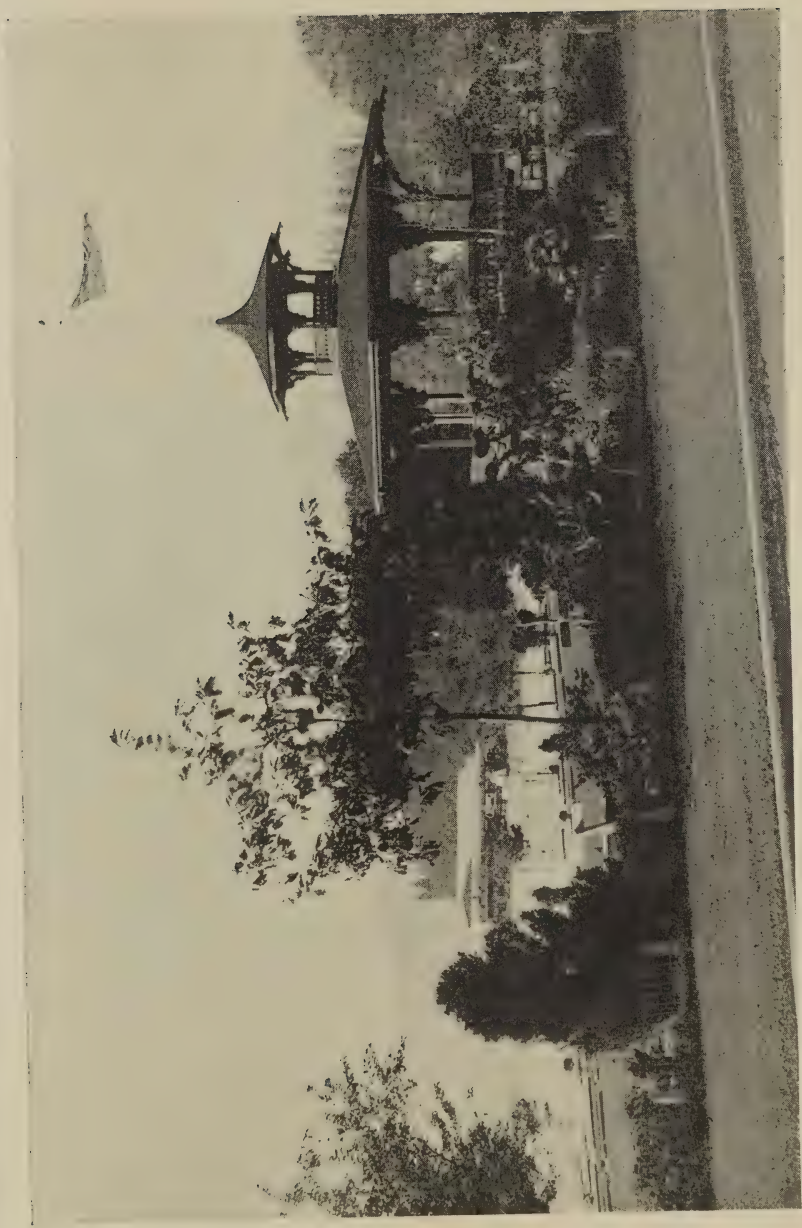
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THE RAVINE, STANLEY PARK.



SCENE IN CLARK PARK.



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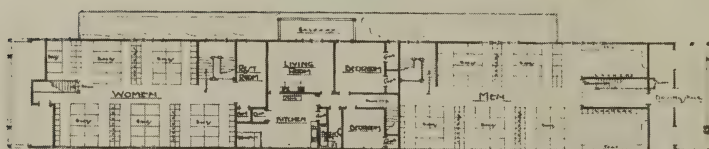
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First Unit of Model Indian Village.



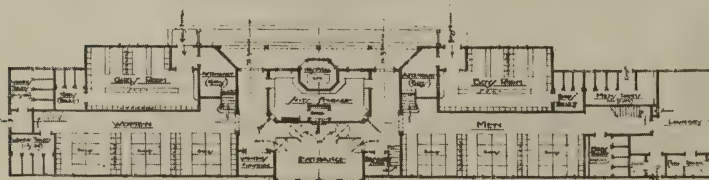
"TROTSKY," STANLEY PARK ZOO.



- RICH - FRONT -



- FIRST FLOOR PLAN -



GROUND PLAN

PLANS OF KITSILANO BATH-HOUSE, in course of erection.

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and Canada and high officials from both countries took part in the ceremony of dedication.

The cost of the memorial, illustrated on page 49, \$45,000.00, was subscribed by the Kiwanis Clubs of the United States and Canada.

Concluding Observations

It will be conceded that the enterprises and accomplished projects in connection with the development and administration of the Parks and Playgrounds of Vancouver, described and illustrated in these pages, were worthy of the best efforts of the successive Boards that have administered it in past years, and of those Commissioners who are at the present time responsible for the varied operations connected with it. Then, as now, the services of the Board have been, and are, purely honorary; their reward consists in the honor of their election by their fellow citizens, and the interest and pleasure of their work.

The system of their election, for a term of two years, whereby two members retire the first year and three the next (who may stand for re-election), provides for a continuity of policy which might be interfered with if a clean sweep were made each year, while at the same time an opportunity is given to the electors to put new blood into the Board, if they wish to do so, and to express their opinion as to its general action.

But the main strength of the Parks and Playgrounds System must always lie in an increasing feeling of proprietorship on the part of Vancouver citizens. The Commissioners are sharers of that proprietorship, but their position is that of unpaid servants of the inhabitants who have been chosen to administer 1,280 acres of city property and to undertake the responsibilities entailed by this important and diversified estate. They have a right to ask the people of Vancouver at large to live up to their privileges and to help to take care of their own property.

In this regard it may be suggested that few citizens have any idea of the parks and playgrounds as a whole. It is hoped that the information and illustrations contained in these pages will enable those concerned to acquaint themselves with what is being done. This booklet, like its predecessors, will go to all points of the compass and across the seas. But it is chiefly for the public of Vancouver that this descriptive handbook of its parks and playgrounds has been compiled.



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